



Upcoming Programs at YOUR Local National Wildlife Refuges



Fire Dependent Forests, March 3rd at 7pm Tim Simmons, a restoration ecologist with Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, will talk about pitch pine-scrub oak barrens a forest type, found in the Desert Natural Area in Marlborough and Sudbury, which provides habitat for some rare wildlife species that rely on fire to regenerate. Talk is co-hosted by Friends of the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and SVT. Contact Erin Snook to sign up esnook@svtweb.org 978-443-5588.

Special Spring Bus Tour of Historical Sites of the Refuge ON SALE NOW!! Join Paul Boothroyd Maynard Historian for this popular event. Tickets \$ 9.00 per person in advance. Call Paul at 978.835.4515 Bus tour will be held on **Sunday, May 22nd at noon.**

Rescheduled January Monthly Meeting - Refuge Plants for Refuge Wildlife with Frances Clark

Sunday, March 13th at 2pm Native plants are intriguing and beneficial and beautiful throughout the seasons. See how plants support our favorite birds, mammals and insects in the wetlands, fields, and forests of our watershed. Frances Clark author of SUASCO Watershed Biodiversity Plan is former chair of board at the New England Wild Flower Society.

Inspiring a Sense of Place: Nature Walk at Great Meadows NWR, Concord, Sunday, March 13th at 2pm Series of monthly walks led by Cherrie Corey exploring the plants and seasonal wonders of this wetland landscape. Meet at parking lot off of Monsen Road.

No Impact Man: Reading Group, Saturdays, March 19th, 26th and April 2nd at 3pm Discuss the book by Colin Beaven of his personal journey to minimize his impact on the planet. Register by March 14th, call 978.562.3527 ext 117 or Kizette_OrtizVanger@fws.gov

Nature Keepers at the Refuge: Outdoor Series for 5th-8th Graders, Sundays, March 27th, April 3rd, 10th, 17th at 1:30pm Bring your kids to the refuge for a four week program to learn about refuge history, mammal tracking, bird migration and wetland exploration. Register by March 14th, call 978.562.3527 ext 117 or Kizette_OrtizVanger@fws.gov

Winter Nature Film Series – last screening March 18th 1:30pm. *Mother Nature's Child* (2010): This film explores nature's powerful role in children's health and development. The effects of "nature deficit disorder" are now being noted across the country in epidemics of child obesity, attention disorders, and depression. Discussion to follow.

The Economics of Happiness: Movie Night on Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:30pm Movie about how communities are rebuilding a new paradigm of localized economies and resisting globalization and corporate power. Hosted by Sustainable Sudbury.

Take a Hike! Exploring the Woods and Waters of Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Rivers Jill Phelps Kern on Wednesday, March 30th at 7pm Jill Phelps Kern, author of *Hiking the SuAsCo Watershed* will share photographs, maps and experiences to inspire you to get out and explore for yourself. Visit www.farnwr.org for more details.

Volunteer Orientation on Thursday, March 31st at 5:30pm

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work with the US Fish & Wildlife Service? Are you someone who likes to spend spare time in the outdoors? Whether you are a current volunteer or interested in becoming one, please join us to learn more. Light refreshments will be served.

MassAudubon MiniCamps July 5- August 11 Open House June 28, Meet the refuge staff at visitor center. Six different camps offered for age groups ranging from 4 yrs- 13 yrs. Visit MassAudubon Camp information. Friends get membership discount.

All programs held at 680 Hudson Rd, Sudbury, MA unless otherwise noted.

REMINDER: dogs are not allowed on any of the refuges.

Websites: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/easternmanwrcomplex>
<http://www.farnwr.org>
Facebook: Assabet River NWR
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